



Patuxent Valley Middle School Parent Teacher Association, Inc.

General Membership Meeting

August 10, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

❖ **Introductions/Welcome**

- Hala, new PTA president, incoming 6th grader from Guilford ES. She has an older child who has gone through Hammond High School.
- Holly, Treasurer, two incoming 6th graders.
- Kendra, a 7th grader moved from Thomas Viaduct MS, and now a 6th grader. Spirit Wear chair.
- Meredith K., son in 7th grade. Spirit night committees.
- Brandi, rising 6th grader, from Guilford ES. Staff appreciation help.
- Richard Smart, Principal. Started in middle schools. 20 years at Oakland Mills. Then Reservoir.
- Nicole B., Last year, PTACHC delegate. This year, 7th grade committee.
- Jen G., 8th grader, son is 10th grader at Reservoir. 8th grade committee. Jen is familiar with the 8th grade dance, and Shakespeare. (Started the popcorn fundraiser as an 8th grade fundraiser.)
- Lauren Giles, Secretary. Marquee. Staff appreciation and coffee cart last year.
- Jen M., 10th grader, 5th grader, 7th grader here. Vice President here. VP at elementary too.
- Bethany, son 6th grader, Kelly R. is her neighbor.
- Camille, 7th grader, and 2nd grader at Guilford ES. Signed up for Spirit Wear, 7th grade, membership, and social media.

- ❖ **PTA President's Report** – Two successful meet and greets this summer. 100 ppl last night. 37 people signed up in MemberHub. Signup Genius for staff breakfast to be held Tuesday, 8/22 - drop off and set up starting at 7 a.m. New student orientation on the 24th, then a block party for all students. Block party from 2:30-4:30. Already reserved blacktop, bathrooms, all the areas that we need. Mr. Smart has Pit Beef truck attending that day. Will be at PVMS from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. PTA will supply popsicles, juice, cookies, and chips. Would like feedback on games. Human ring toss. Cup stacking. A few years ago, parents brought in yard games, can you let them know. Gaga pit, basketball. Also, PE equipment. Will need some help with setting up for the block party. (not 6th grade parents b/c they will be busy) All the goodies will be pre-packaged.

- ❖ **Principal's Report – Mr. Smart** - Bulldog strong. Putting the first things first: Relationships, learning, and structure. There's a real sense that there is community here; all still emerging from the pandemic. Hoping to get some real partnership between parents and staff Hoping staff members will sign up. What Mr. Smart hopes from this conversation is that we don't hide info. He'd like to discuss solutions. PVMS is not yet known about – he wants to put us on the map! Hopes he can stay 5 years or more.

He has restorative justice experience. Question: After school clubs/8th period will they continue? A: Yes, will continue. TBD whether all buses can be funded. Yes, backpacks allowed again! Enrollment number as of today is 829:

- 268 – 6th graders
- 286 – 7th graders
- 275 – 8th graders

❖ **Treasurer's Report (Holly)** – Went over budget for 2023-24. Lower for Staff Appreciation – will plan to ask for more parent donations this year. Agenda books. 6th graders will need agenda books. In bulk, the price would go down. 580 agenda books: agree to order that many. Sunshine fund: reimbursement. Needs to be added to the budget. Staff appreciation: Lauren mentioned some of the line-item costs aren't enough re: what was spent last year. Did break them down into categories etc. 8th grade activities – there was a large donation last year – to the school. \$7,000 - activities. Mr. Smart knows about this and he can see what was spent on 8th grade activities from the PVMS, vs. what the PTA spent on 8th grade activities. e.g., school dance – how much does it cost?

❖ **Committees:**

Fundraising –

- MemberHub is now Givebacks.
- The grocery rewards are on the website from last year. Need to update Weis? Yes, Harris Teeter.
- Jen G. and Hala will talk about the timing of fundraisers so as to not compete.

Spirit Nights – Meredith reported on behalf of her and Amy Hamilton. Spirit night dinners for the first three months of the year

- Papa John's - includes delivery - two nights - including back to school night (Sept. 6 & 7)
- Olive on Main - October 11th (tentative)
- Chipotle - November 8th
- Paint night - possibility - exploring

Would love some help thinking of new ideas. Rita's: in elementary school, staff members served. The principal can schedule a food truck from a pre-approved list.

New Business –

- Motion to vote Kamilah to take the VP2 position. Motion seconded and passed.
- Motion to vote Holly in as the Registered Agent. Motion seconded by Meredith.
- Holly motion to vote in the 23-24 budget as drafted, discussed. Motion seconded and passed.
- Everyone agrees that we are going to order 540 agenda books? Yes.

Parents in attendance are hopeful, excited, inspired, hopeful, motivated, excited, grateful, thankful, thoughtful, and contemplative about the upcoming school year!

Motion to adjourn; meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Next Meeting – Thursday, September 14, 7 p.m.